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# EARLY WHEELER



(Trade Marked)

ORIGINATED IN THE EXPERIMENTAL  
ORCHARDS OF MR. E. W. KIRKPAT-  
RICK, AT MCKINNEY, TEXAS. TRADE-  
MARKED AND INTRODUCED BY THE

## Texas Nursery Co.

SHERMAN, TEXAS.

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IT IS THE ONLY FIRM-FLESHED, EXTRA  
EARLY, PERFECT SHIPPING PEACH  
EVER INTRODUCED.

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Is of Large Size, Beautiful in Appearance,  
Color a Rich Cream Overspread with a  
Beautiful Bright Red. Side by Side with  
Alexander, on the Same Ground, it Ripens  
at the Same Time, which is, in the Peach  
Belt of East Texas, from May 15 to June 1.

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## IT IS A GREAT MONEY-MAKER

If Planted in Sufficient Quantities to  
Attract Buyers for Northern Markets.



E. W. KIRKPATRICK

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF EARLY WHEELER PEACH.

**E**ARLY WHEELER Peach was originated by Mr. E. W. Kirkpatrick, at McKinney, Texas. The original tree has been bearing in his experimental grounds some four or five years.

When the first ripe specimens were noticed by Mr. Kirkpatrick, buds were sent to some of the leading horticulturists of the country, to be top-worked and tested. Every one of them who has fruited it agree that it is the most remarkable extra early peach ever introduced. It is of large size, being fully double the size of Alexander; as firm as Old Mixon or Heath; as highly colored as Old Mixon, and as perfect a shipper as can be had at any season of the year.

**From F. T. Ramsey.**

In July, 1903, Mr. F. T. Ramsey said before the State Horticultural Society: "I wish Mr. Kirkpatrick would lay aside that humility of his and tell us about Wheeler peach. He had it on exhibition at the National Nurserymen's meeting, held in Detroit, Michigan, June 10, 11, 12, 1903, right with Alexander, almost as large as Mamie Ross. Most of them lose their juice, but this does not. You can cut it off in slices and it does not drip. It ripens

strictly with Alexander. I feel it my duty to tell you about the best early peach. Get the Wheeler; it will ship to Boston just as easy as to St. Louis. Mr Kirkpatrick took it to Detroit, Michigan, and kept it in his pocket two or three days, when we tested it, and I feel justified in saying that it is the first good peach of the spring."

### **From Texas Farm and Ranch.**

Farm and Ranch, in their issue of July 29, 1905, commenting on Early Wheeler peach, says in part: "Mr. Ramsey's prediction of the Wheeler's earliness and carrying qualities have been fully demonstrated this season. Specimens were shipped to West Baden, Ind., for exhibition, at Nurserymen's Convention this year, returned to Texas in a hand-satchel during the hottest summer weather, and remained for several days in perfect condition on a desk in Farm and Ranch office. If this peach carries this well during a wet season, it can be shipped to Russia or Japan during our ordinary season.

"Out of many thousands of new seedling peaches produced each year, we find only one occasionally that is fit to be tested among the standard sorts. Elberta, though late in season, goes on the world's market first from Texas, and sways dominion over the minds of Northern and Eastern fruit buyers, greatly to our profit. The aggregate value of the Early

Wheeler to the fruit growers of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and other States, appears beyond estimate if planted freely. Texas has the opportunity with this handsome early peach in hand to prove herself the mistress of the early markets quite as completely as she has done with the mid-summer Elberta markets. Ripening in North Texas June 1 to 10, for average seasons, indicates that in counties south where our larger peach orchards are now located. Early Wheeler peach will ripen May 20 to June 1."

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#### From Mr. J. M. Howell.

Mr. J. M. Howell, of Weatherford, Texas, declares in Farm and Ranch of February 11, 1905, that "The Early Wheeler is superior to any other early peach as to flavor and fineness. We did not sell any of these peaches; they came so early, looked so fine and tasted so good that the family foreclosed a lien on the entire crop. To test keeping qualities we left some on trees and kept some in house for several days in good condition. Judging from firmness and freedom from rot, I think they could be safely shipped to Kansas City, St. Louis or Chicago."

**From H. M. Stringfellow.**

Mr. H. M. Stringfellow, Lampasas, Texas, a very close observer and well known in the horticultural world, in a letter to Mr. Kirkpatrick, of June 20, 1905, says: "I inserted a bud of Early Wheeler in May, 1904, on a bearing tree. I cut the shoot back in ten days and forced out a growth of several feet by fall. It bore three fine peaches this season, ripening with Alexander. With me it was a very beautiful, large, firm, high colored peach of fine quality, by far the best of the early peaches and a most remarkable shipper and keeper. If I were going to plant largely for market, I would certainly give the Early Wheeler preference over all other kinds, and feel absolutely sure that it was going to make me big money."

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**From Mr. Sam H. Dixon.**

In Mr. Sam H. Dixon's forthcoming report on United States Plant Industry from records of exhibits at the World's Fair at St. Louis, 1904, in mentioning Early Wheeler, he says: "Early Wheeler: From Collin County, Texas. A most beautiful early variety, ripening with Alexander, more perfect in color and ripening than any of the early maturing peaches. Large size and similar to Old Mixon Cling."

**From Mr. John S. Kerr.**

Mr. John S. Kerr, Sherman, Texas, in a letter to us states: "The Early Wheeler peach has more firmness than any of the early Mamie Ross type; is much earlier, ripening with Alexander; is of good peach quality, fine size, good appearance, and we believe will be a fine commercial peach of that ripening, if not the finest we have seen so far. It ought to be planted in five and ten thousand lots for Northern markets, and will surely be a money maker. We wish you the greatest success with this grand acquisition of yours."

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**From Mr. W. R. Crowell.**

In a letter to us of June 17th, 1905, W. R. Crowell, President of Lowrie Company, Kansas City, Mo., says: "To whom it may concern: This is to certify that on June 13th we received from the Texas Nursery Company, of Sherman, Texas, a sample of the Early Wheeler peach. They were in excellent condition, fine, large good color, resembling Elberta in shape and nice blush on cheek. On June 17th a representative of the Texas Nursery Company called at our office and on examining the above named peaches we found them in as good condition as when we received them. They had not mellowed in the least. I believe these are the best early peaches we have ever seen and certainly is a bonanza to the Texas fruit growers."

**From Mr. Will B. Munson.**

Mr. Will B. Munson, of the firm of T. V. Munson & Son, of Denison, Texas, in a letter to us of June 24, 1905, says in part: "I saw specimens of Early Wheeler peach exhibited at Detroit in 1903, and at West Baden in 1905, along with specimens of Alexander and Snead, ripening at the same time. The condition of the Early Wheeler peach, after being shipped the long distance from Texas to these points, was first class and did not seem any the worse after its long journey. It is considerably larger than Alexander, almost twice the size; its color is a rich creamy white with red cheeks, and in appearance and texture it is equal to and resembles the fine July clings, in which season we consider our best peaches ripen. The flesh was firm and showed shipping qualities equal to any of the later peaches. You have in the Early Wheeler peach a variety that should supersede and take the place of all peaches that ripen in that season. On account of its fine shipping qualities and early season of ripening, it certainly should be a boon for growers here who grow to supply the Northern markets with peaches as fine as they can get during the peach season."

**From Mr. Stanley Watson.**

Mr. Stanley Watson, in a letter to us of June 27, 1905, says: "I know of no investment which a man could make that would bring greater returns than a commercial orchard of Early Wheeler peaches."

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**From Mr. J. J. White.**

J. J. White, Buffalo, N. Y., fruit and produce Dealer, in a letter to Mr. G. H. Boggs, Pilot Point, Texas, says: "Replying to yours of the 28th in regard to the Early Wheeler peach, will say that it is a grand fruit for market. It is large in size, a beautiful, rich color, elegant flavor, and a good shipper for long distance markets. Being of an unusually early variety, it will always command fancy prices if put in neat packages, and I think you will make no mistake in buying liberal quantities of this variety. We are always in the market for buying early fruits and vegetables, and when the time comes that you have the Early Wheeler peach to offer ready for sale will try and do some business with you; either handle them on consignment for you or send a man to your place and buy them outright f. o. b. loading station. Will be glad to answer further inquiries and hope to hear from you again."

**From the Kansas City Packer.**

The Kansas City Packer of June 24, 1905, writing on Early Wheeler peach, says: "The Early Wheeler peach, grown by Texas Nursery Company, as stated in the Packer of last week, seems to be a stayer when it comes to keeping. A sample basket of these peaches were sent to Walker-Brewster Company of this city, the peaches being picked in Texas on June 10th. The peaches were kept on Mr. Walker's desk, holding up until Wednesday of this week before decaying, something like eleven days. The Texas Nursery Company, who is introducing this peach, says that the Early Wheeler will bring more money to the producer than any other variety ever produced on account of its early ripening and shipping qualities. The peaches as exhibited by the Walker-Brewster Company, attracted considerable attention from fruit men generally."

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**From Crutchfield & Woolfolk.**

In letter of June 21, 1905, Crutchfield & Woolfolk, commission merchants, fruit, and produce, Pittsburg, Pa., say: "We received the Early Wheeler peaches you sent us, and, judging from the samples, it should be a very fine seller in all markets, owing to its size, color, etc. It will be a money-maker."

**From Walker-Brewster Company.**

Walker-Brewster Company, of Kansas City, Mo., writing us regarding a shipment of Early Wheeler peaches, says: "The Early Wheeler peaches you shipped us on June 10th received. They are the best peaches we have ever seen on the Kansas City market at this season of the year. We have kept them in our office five days without recourse to ice. They are in as fine condition apparently as on the day we received them. We could sell in this market several cars daily if we had them at \$1.75 to \$2.00 and upwards for four basket crates. There is no peach we have ever seen at this season of the year that is in the same class with them. We would like to have you send us a list of names and postoffice address of the people you have sold the largest orchards to."

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In a letter to Whitesboro Fruit Company, Whitesboro, Texas, Walker-Brewster Company says: "We understand you have an Early Wheeler peach orchard in bearing next year. We are familiar with the Early Wheeler and will be in the market for them next season. In fact we are willing to make a contract with you for them. We will take carload shipments at \$1.25 4-basket crates f. o. b. cars at your station. Let us hear from you at an early date."

**From Mr. W. F. Heiks.**

Mr. W. F. Heiks, Manager of the Huntsville Wholesale Nurseries, Huntsville, Ala., in a letter of July 3, 1905, wrote us regarding Early Wheeler: "I was very much impressed in favor of your Early Wheeler peach in seeing it at West Baden, Ind., especially in comparing it with other varieties ripening at its season. It is the most beautiful peach of its season, and, having firm flesh, will carry better than any of the early peaches I know. I congratulate your Mr. Kirkpatrick in being the originator of such a beautiful fruit."

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**From Mr. F. W. Malley.**

Mr. F. W. Malley, of Garrison, Texas, in a letter to Mr. Kirkpatrick of July 8, 1905, says: "I have seen the Early Wheeler as grown at Fitze, near Garrison, and it is certainly a valuable acquisition to the list of early maturing varieties. It is large, of fine quality, colors well, resembling the highly colored Old Mixon Cling. It ripens with Alexander here, and is in every way a far superior fruit to any other variety of its season. I consider it the most valuable for its season, both as to size and color, also quality - flesh ripening evenly to the pit. I shall plant no other variety in future than Wheeler for the season it occupies."

**From Mr. Miles Hanchett.**

Mr. Miles Hanchett, agent for the Pacific and American Express Companies, at Sherman, Texas, who was for years at Tyler, Texas as agent for the Pacific Express Company and who handled thousands of express shipments of fruit for growers from there, says in a letter to us of June 10, 1905: "I had the pleasure of seeing samples of your Early Wheeler peach here yesterday, and must say that it certainly has a great future as a commercial variety. It is the best early peach I ever saw in every respect. Having handled peaches at Tyler for eight years, as agent for the Pacific Express Company, I know what will bring the most profits. This peach, ripening with Alexander, which is at Tyler about May 18th, being much larger, much better quality, and more highly colored, will certainly be a rich harvest to the people who first plant them in large lots for Northern markets."

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**From Barnett Brothers.**

Barnett Bros., of Chicago, Ill., say: "The basket of peaches you sent us as a sample of the Early Wheeler peach, is duly received. If this is the peach of which you have been writing, we can only say that it will bring the prices that we have predicted, \$1.75 to \$2.00 for 4-basket crates, nicely packed."

**From Baker Brothers.**

Baker Bros., of Fort Worth, Texas, in a letter to us of June 23, 1905, say: "We were very much pleased with the sample of Early Wheeler peach we saw at West Baden in June. It is very similar to Old Mixon, which we have always considered the best all 'round peach grown. Ripening as it does with Alexander makes it an exceedingly desirable sort."

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**From Mr. F. T. Ramsey.**

Mr. F. T. Ramsey, of Austin, Texas, in writing of Early Wheeler peach in Farm and Ranch of August 5, 1903, says: "It stands out above the whole lot of early peaches more prominently than any other variety ever produced. It will ship to England.

"First good peach in the spring,  
First in the hearts of the people;  
Its praises forever we'll sing,  
Its place is on top of the steeple.

"Queen of the hosts of our great [her,  
And don't lose the juice when you peel  
A fortune, indeed, for our State,  
Is this wonderful peach, the Wheeler."

**From Mr. Sam H. Dixon.**

Mr. Sam H. Dixon, who was Superintendent of the Texas Horticultural Exhibit, at the World's Fair at St. Louis, wrote us from there: "We have the Early Wheeler peach and record it as one of the most valuable new peaches grown. Its size, color, flavor, good shipping qualities, and time of ripening all combine to make it a money-maker. There is nothing of its period equal to it."

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We have numerous other letters regarding Early Wheeler. Every one who has seen it agrees with us that it is THE PEACH of its season. It blossoms later than Elberta, ripens six weeks earlier, side by side on the same ground; is never subject to the hot, dry time we have some years the last of June and July and which ruins whole crops of late varieties; can be put on Northern markets the last of May or first of June, when peaches are scarce and prices are high.

All Early Wheeler trees are shipped out under our trade-mark label.

## PRICES.

Single tree	-	-	-	-	-	\$	50
12 trees	-	-	-	-	-		5 00
25 "	-	-	-	-	-		10 00
50 "	-	-	-	-	-		15 00
100 "	-	-	-	-	-		25 00
200 "	-	-	-	-	-		45 00
300 "	-	-	-	-	-		60 00
400 "	-	-	-	-	-		75 00
500 "	-	-	-	-	-		80 00
600 "	and over, per thousand		-	-	-		150 00

On bills of \$5 00 or more we pay transportation charges to your railroad station.

We are especially anxious to have the trees of Early Wheeler that are planted for market set so they can be shipped in car load lots, and we will send a man to any peach section where growers are interested in this variety to work up a planting of sufficient size to justify the Northern buyers coming there to buy the fruit.

TEXAS NURSERY COMPANY.